



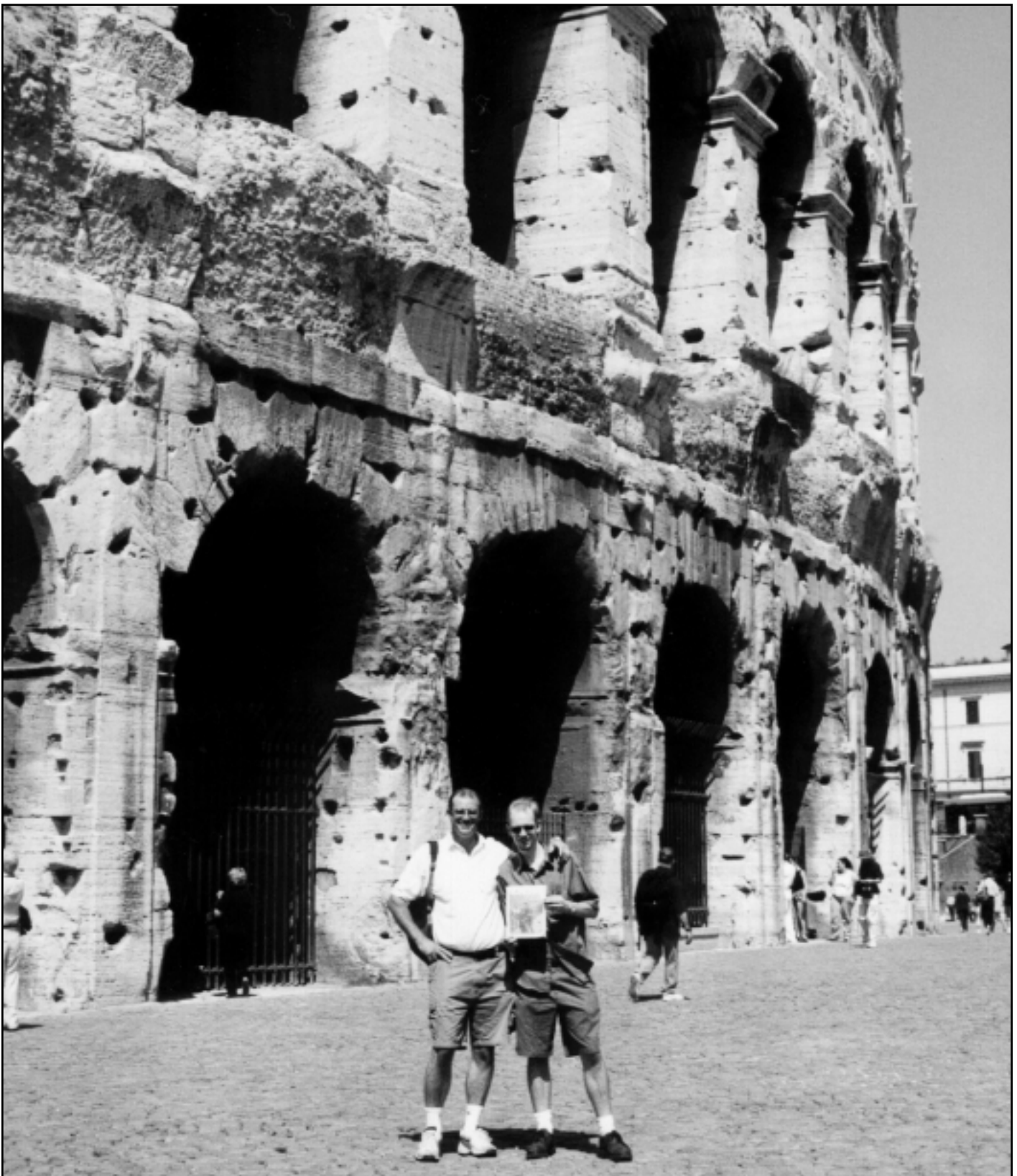
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"School Education"

ORR Sponsors Information Night

On January 9, Old Rochester Regional High School sponsored a Program Information Night to provide students entering Grades 8 through 11 and their families with information that would help them to understand the diverse academic opportunities offered at the school. Parents learned about the variety of courses offered from guitar and keyboarding classes to multimedia and pre-engineering. Representatives from each of the curriculum areas were on hand along with upper class students who could speak first-hand about the courses.

Guests were introduced to programs such as Virtual High School, School-to-Career, and Community Service Learning. A representative from the guidance office was available to discuss graduation requirements, applied physics students provided a laser show, and visitors were invited to view career resources. The evening was intended to give parents and students a better understanding of various courses and allow them to make more informed decisions when registering for the 2002-2003 school year.



Above: ORR High School Principal Bruce Clarke chats with parents during the recent Program Information Night held on January 9 for students entering Grades 8 through 11 at Old Rochester Regional High School. (Photo courtesy of Kathy Marx).

On the cover: Richard and Shane Wilhelmsen of Mattapoisett pose with a copy of *The Wanderer* just outside the Coliseum in Rome during a recent family trip to Rome, the Greek Isles, and Athens. We're carrying over our popular "Wandering Wanderers" contest into 2002 — our 10th anniversary year! — so be sure to take both your camera and a copy of *The Wanderer* along with you on your next trip and submit a photo to us for consideration. All entries will receive an official *Wanderer* coffee mug. (Photo courtesy of Rebecca Wilhelmsen).

"Piano Women"

Keyboard Duo to Perform in Marion

The dynamic piano duo of Sheila Converse (Marion resident) and Linda Maranis will perform at Tabor Academy as part of the Tomlinson Fellowship series. The concert is at 7:30 pm on Friday, February 22, 2002 in the main auditorium of the Fireman Performing Arts center at Hoyt Hall on the campus of Tabor Academy in Marion. The concert is free and open to the public. They will present works by Moritz Moszkowski, Johannes Brahms, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Moritz Moszkowski, Antonin Dvorak, Richard R. Bennett and Francis Poulenc.

Sheila Powers Converse, a native of Fargo, North Dakota, graduated from Mills College in Oakland California, where she studied piano with Alexander Liebermann and orchestration and composition with Darius Milhaud and Leon Kirchner. Her graduate work was done at the University of California, Berkeley and at the University of Arizona, where she was a student of Edna Church.

Ms. Converse has pursued a dual career of teaching piano, specializing in the instruction of adults, and of performance, with emphasis on duo-piano and piano duet repertoire.

Linda Weisner Maranis, a native of Fremont, Michigan, studied with Sacha Gorodnitzki at the Julliard



Left: Piano duo Sheila Converse of Marion and Linda Maranis will be performing at Hoyt Hall of Tabor Academy in Marion on Friday, February 22 at 7:30 pm as part of the Tomlinson Fellowship Series. The concert is free and open to the public. (Wanderer file photo).

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School in New York City, where she received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in piano. She is also a graduate of the University of Arizona, where she was a student of Mme. Elenore Altman.

Ms. Maranis has been a concerto soloist with the Boston Pops Orchestra and has performed in Boston at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and on WGBH radio. She has appeared in piano duet recitals at several sites in New York City, including Lincoln Center's Bruno Walter Auditorium and the Donnell Library.

Sheila Converse and Linda Maranis gave their first performance as duo pianists in 1990. They have since presented numerous recitals, including a two-piano program at the University of Arizona as part of its Alumni Concert Series, and a two-piano recital at North Dakota State University. In 1997 they performed a two-piano recital to a sold-out house at Carnegie Recital Hall in New York City, and they have produced a CD of the repertoire played on that program.

In October 1999 Converse and Maranis performed at the American Consulate in Hamburg, Germany and were featured soloists on a cruise of the Danube and Main Rivers aboard the *Amadeus II*.

For more information about the performance, please contact Phil Sanborn at 508-748-2000 ext. 2282.

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Mattapoissett Special Town Meeting

January 14, 2002

By Kenneth J. Souza

A Special Town Meeting for the Town of Mattapoissett was called to order by Town Moderator William Blasdale at 7:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 having noted the presence of a quorum. After a Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for Town Meeting members departed, Mr. Blasdale explained the rules and procedures governing Town Meeting and then thanked everyone for helping to make the change of venue possible with the ongoing construction at the town schools. An impressive turnout of approximately 250 voters were packed into the Knights of Columbus Hall.

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Under **ARTICLE 1**, voters were asked to transfer a total of \$81,867 from Free Cash to pay the following supplemental budget items: \$21,708 for the Treasurer/Tax Collector; \$12,500 for Town Counsel; \$1,823 for Town Clerk/Registrar; \$600 for Fire; \$13,236 for the Town Mechanic; \$2,000 for Unemployment Compensation; \$20,000 for Health, Life and Accident Insurance; and \$10,000 for Medicare.

Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Richard Gamache explained the various line items and the reasons for the additional funding. "There's \$7,000 for a buy-back in (the) Treasurer/Tax Collector's office (and) \$14,700 added to cover person in Town Clerk's office," he said. "\$12,500 is for Town Counsel ... we've been behind on Town Counsel (payments) for years, and they've been waiting (to get paid)."

Since many of the expenditures on the 12-article Special Town Meeting warrant were to be transferred from Free Cash, resident Bob Bancroft asked what the current balance was in the town's Free Cash account and what would be left for the Annual Town Meeting.

"Coming into this Town Meeting, we have \$534,149, (which would be) reduced by whatever Free Cash is spent tonight," Mr. Gamache said. "That would leave about \$347,000 going into the Annual Town Meeting ... (or) about \$150,000 to \$200,000 less than last year."

After further inquiries as to the reasons for needing additional funding for each line item, **ARTICLE 1** passed via majority vote, 242 to 7.

Under **ARTICLE 2**, voters were asked to transfer \$22,500 from Free Cash to pay the final portion of a litigation settlement between the Town of Mattapoisett and former Highway Department employee Darryl Pina.

"This is the second and final payment for an agreement between the town and (Mr.) Pina as a result of a verbal incident which occurred at the Town Barn over a

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year ago," Selectman Paul Lambalot said. ARTICLE 2 was passed, 246 to 3.

Fire Chief Ronald Scott requested a transfer of \$12,000 from Free Cash under **ARTICLE 3** to install a new wireless Fire Receiver system within the Police Department to eventually replace the existing hard-wired call boxes in town.

"About two years ago, I met with the Selectmen and suggested we go to a radio-controlled fire alarm system," Chief Scott said. "Our system is antiquated, (and) we've had difficulty getting parts. The present system was hit by lightning at the Police Station. We've got a loaner in place now and we priced it out to upgrade the present system. It's a \$24,000 unit, (but) the insurance company will pay half and the town will pay half. We'll

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still have the hard-wired system which will be phased out over a period of time."

Chief Scott pledged that this new, state-of-the-art system would serve the town for many years to come and requires a lot less maintenance. The one caveat is some 17 buildings in Mattapoisett — some town-owned, some private — will eventually have to upgrade to the new system at an estimated cost of \$3,000 for the Master Box and up to \$1,500 for the installation, according to Paul Kelly, who maintains the existing Fire Alarm system.

"We will probably be back (to request money to upgrade) the Town Hall, the Library, the Water Department, Town Barn ... about seven or eight other buildings," Chief Scott said.

"The total fire alarm budget is \$10,000," FinCom Chairman Gamache noted. "Of that, \$6,000 is just salaries. If this new system is put in place ... we don't need people to maintain it, (so) we'll save the \$6,000."

ARTICLE 3 passed via majority vote, 240 to 10.

Under **ARTICLE 4**, voters were asked to transfer \$10,000 from Free Cash, along with money to be provided by Lewis R. Bolles Fund, to make necessary repairs to the Gazebo at Shipyard Park.

"This is the estimate to repair the gazebo, to put in new columns with composite (material)," Selectman Barry Denham explained. The 30-year-old structure is in need of reinforcement against the elements. ARTICLE 4 passed, 248 to 2.

The bulk of the evening was spent discussing and

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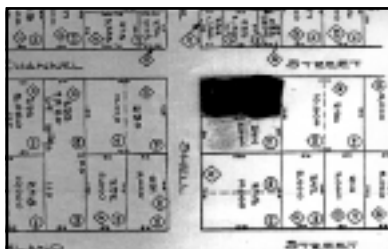
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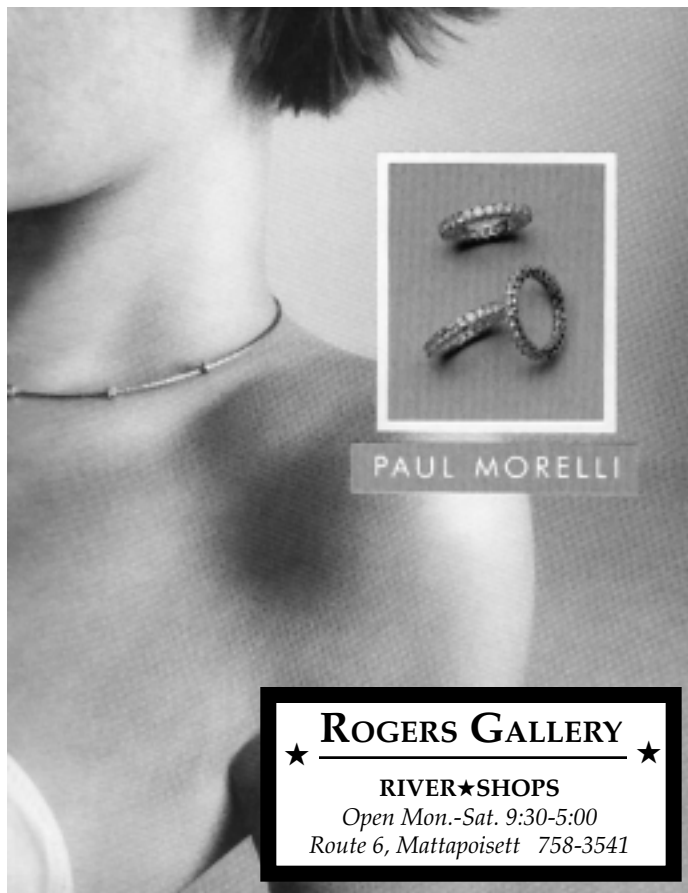
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debating **ARTICLE 5**, which asked voters to transfer \$120,000 (amended from \$100,000) from Waterfront Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings account to purchase and equip a new Harbormaster Boat and to allow a trade-in on the existing Harbormaster Boat.

"It's an awful lot of money," Harbormaster Steve Mach said. "People have asked where is the money coming from (and) why are we doing this at a Special Town Meeting? We've looked at a number of boats and if we do this now, we've been assured we will have a boat for the upcoming (spring) season. Some of the money would be coming out of retained earnings account, some would come out of money allocated for a ramp at the Town Landing. The balance would be coming from a five-year note, we'd borrow approximately \$90,000 (and the) revenue to pay off the note would come from fees we currently collect. This would have no affect on the tax rate ... (and) we would not have to raise fees to pay for the boat."

When asked what type of boat warranted the \$120,000 price tag, Mr. Mach explained it was a 25-foot boat with enclosed cabin and two outboard motors, designed to handle any situation in any kind of weather.

"We wanted a boat that would be appropriate for doing certain medical services," Mr. Mach said. "This boat would have an area to store oxygen and medical gear right onboard. The boat is designed to be able to do the regular day-to-day job of the Harbormaster, but also designed to be as close to an ambulance on water as we can get."

Although some residents spoke in support of the purchase, many voiced their concerns over spending so much on a boat — especially when the Fire Department already has a Rescue Boat which was donated to the town.

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waterfront, they have more than one boat," Mr. Mach said. "A boat is a tool, and each tool is designed to do specific tasks. Is there some overlap in capabilities of each boat? Yes, there is. But I think each boat has its place, each department has a job to do."

Resident Allan Vaitses asked Mr. Mach to offer some anecdotes on how the new vessel might come in handy.

"We've had someone fall out of a boat changing a winter stick (and) we had to lift them over the gunnel of the (current) boat," Mr. Mach said. "It took three or four people to lift him onto the boat. A boat like this has a door on the side, so you can grab a hold of the person and slide him onto the boat."

"We have a Fire Rescue Boat," said Daniel Goodman. "I'm convinced the search committee did not do enough to look into less-costly possibilities. I think we should look at more cost-effective options."

"My biggest problem is we're almost going to have a Coast Guard in the Town of Mattapoisett," added Steve Earle. "I can't see that you're responsible for every-

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thing that happens out in the water. I just can't see (supporting it) at this time."

After nearly 45 minutes of debate, ARTICLE 5 was defeated, 150 to 100.

Voters were next asked rescind \$350,000 originally allocated for the Mattapoisett River Basin Protection Project under Article 19 of the May 21, 2001 Annual Town Meeting due to a technical error on the warrant under ARTICLE 6.

"We had appropriated sum of money for the so-called 'Park Street Project,'" said Water/Sewer Superintendent William "Nick" Nicholson. "Shortly thereafter we found there was vital wording missing from the article. By rescinding the article, we do not damage or jeopardize the funding appropriated. We (still) anticipate having a zero percent interest loan for (the project)."

"This is a book-keeping article?" asked resident Cindy Johnson, to which Mr. Nicholson replied: "Yes." With that, ARTICLE 6 was passed unanimously.

Under ARTICLE 7, voters were asked to approve a \$150,000 appropriation from the town's "Overlay Surplus" account to defray the costs of upgrading and converting the Town Accountant's, Assessors', Treasurer/Tax Collector's, and Water/Sewer Department's computer software packages.

"Hopefully this will eliminate the repetitiveness going on now," said Town Accountant Judith Mooney. "This would actually network all those departments together and streamline the systems among town departments. This would eliminate all of the manual work we've been doing ... we haven't hit the 21st century yet."

Ms. Mooney explained that this money would be taken from an account which is set aside to cover tax abatements and exemptions on an annual basis. Since this account hasn't been tapped of late or turned over back into Free Cash, this expenditure won't affect the tax rate,



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she said.

ARTICLE 7 passed via majority vote, 200 to 1.

Mattapoisett Town Meeting voters also approved:

- \$30,000 transfer from the Overlay Surplus account to defray the costs of upgrading the present CAMA system used by the Assessors and Tax Collectors offices (ARTICLE 8);

- Acceptance of the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 159, Section 114, to allow the exemption of \$1,000 or less of fair cash value on personal property for tax purposes (ARTICLE 9);

- \$20,000 transfer from Free Cash into the town's Reserve Fund to cover unexpected expenses (ARTICLE 10);

- \$40,000 transfer from Free Cash into the town's Stabilization Fund (ARTICLE 11); and

- Establishment of a "Special Residential District" under the town's Zoning By-Laws (ARTICLE 12).

This last article was presented by Planning Board Chairman Bob Rogers, who explained the measure would allow limited development for existing property owners in town under a special permit process.

"This is special residential zoning, it is not creating any special districts in town," Mr. Rogers said. "You can take your single-family home and convert it into multi-family, but only under special permit, if appropriate. With assistance from SRPEDD, we are here now to tell you we feel this is a good thing for the Town of Mattapoisett."



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"It seems to me, if the idea is to assist younger people, this gets very complex and I don't see where it's helpful," said Donald Fleming. "It seems to me that all you're saying is you're going to give some type of bonus."

"What we're saying is: show (us) what you can do with existing developments," Mr. Rogers said. "Show us ... what you can build by-right. People have told us time and time again through the Master Plan process that we need more affordable (apartment-type) housing."

"I think this is one of the most significant zoning adoptions we could put in place," said resident Wayne Walega. "It gives (owners) the ability to utilize the land much better. Having been on the Master Plan Committee, that's what people really said they'd like to have."

Resident Mike Sanchez asked when this by-law would take effect.

"Generally, zoning by-law changes are effective as of date of vote," said Town Counsel Daniel Perry. "But there's an Attorney General review, so the board couldn't grant a special permit until Attorney General approves it."

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Mr. Rogers also suggested that had this by-law been in place before, it might have offered certain developers more options in town.

"I don't want to put words in anyone's mouth," he said, "(But) through the Public Hearing process, we were told that had this option been available to the land owner (of The Regatta project), he would have used it."

ARTICLE 12 passed via majority vote, 125 to 6.

There being no further articles to consider, the Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting was adjourned for the evening at 10:30 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

January 15, 2002

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm. Present were Selectman Albert Winters, Selectman Benjamin Bryant, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver.

Mr. Winters noted the first order of business would be to elect a new chairman in the wake of former Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson's resignation last week.

"You will note the absence of Jody Dickerson, who has gone on to bigger and maybe better things in New Hampshire," Selectman Winters said. "We all wish Jody very well. He always stepped up and did more than his share and served the town well for almost eight years."

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Selectman Winters then nominated Selectman Bryant to serve as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and Selectman Bryant seconded the nomination and thereby accepted the position and proceeded to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

The board then discussed the Reorganization of the Board with regards to their individual representation on various committees and organizations. They voted to appoint the following: Rick Guerzoni to serve as their representative to the Mattapoisett River Valley Committee; Selectman Bryant to serve on the ORR Financial Advisory Committee; and Selectman Winters to serve on the Plymouth County Commission.

Next, the board had previously asked Town Clerk Debra Blanchette to review the options available to them to fill Mr. Dickerson's now-vacant seat on the Board of Selectmen. "We can either call a Special Election ... by January 16 and the earliest date to hold it would be March 29," Chairman Bryant said. "Our other option is to wait for the Annual Election on April 26. At that time, two positions would be open on the board — a three-year term and a one-year term."

"I guess my feeling would be, if we could survive the two months, we'd save the town the expense of holding a Special Election," Selectman Winters said.

"Although initially it seemed to make sense to fill the (vacant) seat as quickly as possible, when I saw these dates I agreed it would consume too many of the town's resources to try and mount a Special Election with the Annual Election only one month later," Chairman Bryant agreed. "It makes better sense to hold the two elections on April 26."

With that, the board unanimously voted to wait until the April 26 Annual Town Election to fill the existing vacancy, resulting in two open positions on the Board of



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The board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the January 8 meeting and then signed and approved treasury and payroll warrants for the week.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Letter from Chairman Susan S. Grosart of the Marion School Committee requesting a member of the board to sit in on the negotiating process with the Marion Teacher's Association for 2002-2005 which is about to begin.

- Letter from Chairman Shirley Bourque of the ORR District School Committee also requesting a repre-

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sentative from the tri-town Boards of Selectmen to participate in the Collective Bargaining process for the ORR Professional Educators' Association. The board suggested either a representative from Mattapoisett or Rochester be chosen, given their lack of a third member at this time.


- Notice from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) of a misprint in the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit Schedule. According to Senior Deputy Commissioner Sheila T. LeBlanc: "In calculating the credit, homeowners may include 50 percent of their 2001 water and sewer charges, unless they live in a community that has opted under MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C(n) to add water and sewer debt costs to the property tax bills rather than to water and sewer bills." A postcard will be mailed to every property owner in Marion with this corrected information.

- Notice from Mattapoisett Herring Inspector Robert Martin that the Annual Herring Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room.

- Letter from Robert J. Tilden expressing his interest in serving on the Marine Resources Committee (MRC). The board agreed to place the letter on file and take the matter under advisement.

Under the Town Administrator's report for the week, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock noted:

- The town has received a \$16,000 grant for Stormwater Remediation which had to be completed by June 30 of this year. The Buzzards Bay Project (BBP) has

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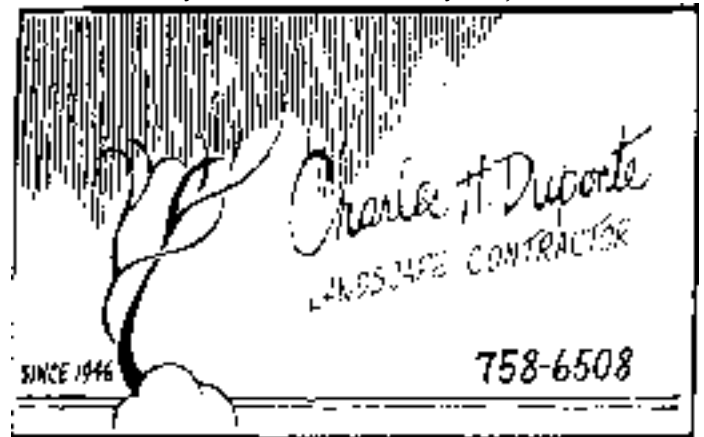



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endorsed the project.

- The Mattapoisett River Valley Committee has been looking into various land acquisitions — specifically, seven parcels of land are under consideration, which are all in the Mattapoisett River Valley watershed.

- The town received 19 applications for the Fire Chief position, which were due by 4:00 pm that day. Ms. Enroth-Whitlock will now compile a list of applicants for the board to review and consider.

- In obtaining quotes on the purchase of a portable sound system for Town Meetings and other functions, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock noted there was a misunderstanding as to the type of microphones preferred — she had specified wireless mikes. As such, the quote jumped

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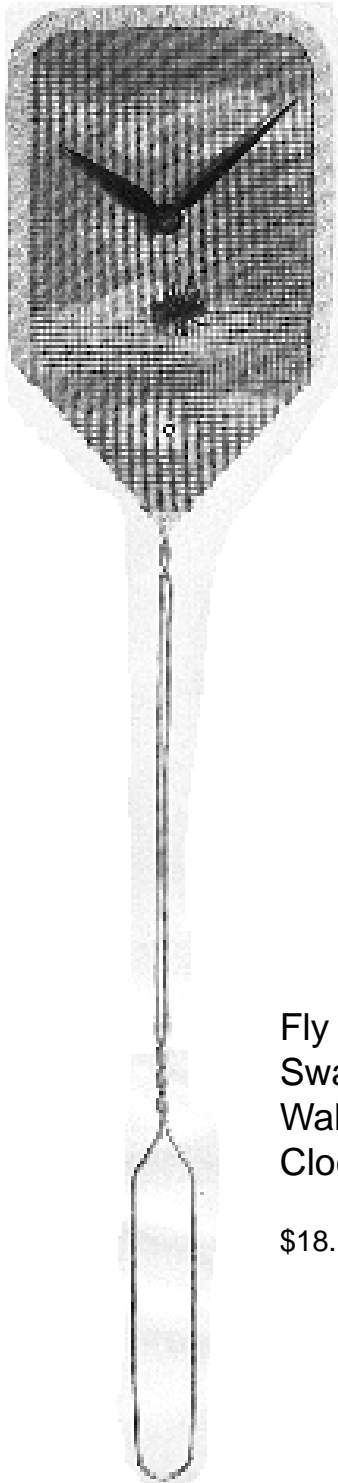
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The board decided to hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 29 at 7:00 pm. In February they would resume with meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Before adjourning, Selectman Winters said it is traditional for the board member up for re-election to announce their intentions during the month of January. "Personally, I think at this time I will not run for re-election," Selectman Winters said, adding that he regrets the timing with Mr. Dickerson's recent resignation. "Eight years is a long time. I've enjoyed it ... but I think it's better to leave at the top rather than on the way down. I think it's time after nine years to step aside and let someone else come in and really give the town what they should have ... it's time to do some other things in my life."

Selectman Winters wanted to thank many people who helped him during his tenure on the board, including Helene Craver, "who has been a good friend and has helped me consistently ... (and) did everything she could to hopefully not let me make a fool of myself," and Julia Enroth-Whitlock, "for the outstanding job that she's done."

"I'd also like to thank Lori, Jody and certainly Ben, who has come on here like gangbusters with all the exuberance of youth," Selectman Winters said. "I'll also mention Jimmy Dougall who was instrumental in first getting me to run (for Selectman). And I'd just like to thank the townspeople of Marion for giving me the opportunity to serve — it's been a privilege (and) an honor, and it's certainly something you never forget. I would urge people to run and to take part in the process. You'll be better for it, the town will be better, and you'll be glad you did it in the end."

"I know that you've been wrestling and agonizing over this decision, especially (during the past week)," Chairman Bryant said. "While I'm very sorry to hear your decision ... (I want to) thank you for the nine years you've put into this position. And thank you for letting it be known so others can come forward ... because it does take time to mount a campaign."

With that, the board unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:52 pm.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

January 14, 2002

By Mary Redman

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, January 14 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard Cutler. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Selectman Patricia Ryan, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The minutes of the January 7, 2002 meeting were not accepted, as the intent of part of the minutes remains in question.

At 7:05 pm Maureen Hartley from the Rochester Land Trust made a presentation to the Selectmen and the Board of Assessors. This informational presentation discussed why Rochester should have protected land, and the different types of land protection available.

Chris Brewer met with the board at 7:25 pm regarding the use of the Rochester Memorial School gym for a Youth Soccer League. The board approved town sponsorship of the youth league led by Chris Brewer so that he may now request use of Rochester Memorial School's gym from the School Committee. This group of 12 boys will work on soccer fundamentals.

At 7:30 pm Fire Chief Scott Ashworth and Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge met with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee (FinCom) to present a request for a high frequency communications system. The high band frequency in comparison to the low band radio communication system being currently used would eliminate the need for phone lines, greatly reducing the number of areas in town where portable radio communication is not currently possible, and also allow the Fire and Highway Departments to communicate with the Police Department and surrounding towns. For both departments the cost would be approximately \$84,000 dollars. The Selectmen will look into any remaining

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Next the board met with the FinCom and a member of the Personnel Board regarding 2003 Fiscal Year budgets. A member of the FinCom had met with the Personnel Board to discuss any upcoming budget requests. Tonight they were coming before the board to inform them of the outcome of this meeting. They discussed not hiring any new people in the next fiscal year, cost of living increases and pay step increases being tied into job performance evaluations. The Personnel Board voted to recommend to the FinCom no cost of living increase for next year's budget. The Selectmen discussed this at length. Selectman Parker indicated that she was very upset that this meeting had taken place. She felt looking at non-contractual employees without information about contractual employees was unfair.

Selectman Parker said the Selectmen should have been involved in this meeting. Selectman Ryan added the Personnel Board should not be involved in financial matters. After continued re-clarification of the intent of the meeting and what was discussed by all boards, Chairman Cutler accepted a motion to table the discussion as the issue was clearly not going to be resolved at this meeting.

The Selectmen's signatures were required on the following items: Ambulance waivers (the waivers will be held due to missing information); Personnel Action Form (the board approved, 2 to 1, to end the town's employment of Officer Herbert Gleason, effective December 28, 2001). The board also unanimously voted to approve Police Chief William Przybylek's retirement contract provision for motor vehicle credit.

Mr. Huntoon asked the board if he could get prices on painting the exterior of the Town Hall. He would then report back to the Selectmen. Mr. Huntoon

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Incoming correspondence for the week included:

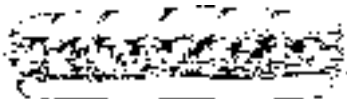
- The 2001 Rodman Ride for Kids donated \$2,000 dollars for youth programs in the community. As such, the Rochester Board of Selectmen are soliciting proposals for grant money from youth programs in Rochester.

- William Towers submitted a letter of resignation from the Park Commission and Industrial Development Commission. The board approved his resignations and will send him a thank you letter. These positions will be

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on the upcoming election ballot.

• The Old Rochester Regional (ORR) District School Committee requested that one Selectman be selected from the tri-town boards to represent them in collective bargaining with the ORR Professional Educators' Association. The Rochester Selectmen will discuss this matter with the other towns.

• SEMASS Partnership's payment in lieu of taxes for December 2001 totaling \$228,606.

• Notice that the town Library will sponsor a fund-raising hayride on February 2 between 1:30 and 3:30 pm.

Notices for the week included:

• Annual Herring Meeting on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall first floor Conference Room. Chairman Cutler will attend.

• Council of SEMASS Communities Meeting on Thursday, January 24 at 10:00 am in Plymouth's Sheraton Hotel.

• Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) Meeting on Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00 pm in Taunton.

Under Old Business, the board agreed to complete the staff evaluations they are responsible for by the end of the month.

New Business before the board included a request from the Rochester Police Brotherhood to start contract negotiations. The board approved in a 2 to 1 vote to prepare a memo in response to the Police Brotherhood's request to suggest a preliminary information-gathering meeting between the Police Brotherhood, the Police Chief and Town Administrator.

As there was no other business to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 9:35 pm.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

In rebutting the recent Letter to the Editor by Daniel L. Goodman, Sr., condemning resident Ron MacInnis for his "unprofessional and unacceptable" presentation before the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen, I would first say that Mr. Goodman was not at the meeting. He said he viewed it on television and compared it to a *Jerry Springer Show* with its personal attacks, disorder and shouting matches.

Obviously, Mr. Goodman is an avid television viewer. I am not because I do not have the slightest idea of what *Jerry Springer* is all about. But television is a far cry from attending something in person. For it is when the individuals are seen live, with all of the emotion and frustration emitting, that one gets the true perspective. In the case of Mr. MacInnis, he and others are trying to save their properties from being dissected for a bicycle path. He did it with passion.

Has the town been given the correct information about the bike path? Mr. MacInnis said "no" and proceeded to present some comments that brought into question the amount of money that would have to be spent. And he brought in subjects that haven't been covered, such as the costs of police patrolling (the path), upkeep annually and what are the real costs for the town, which have risen since the first plans were considered five years ago.

Let us remember that Mr. Goodman is a member of the bike path group and is running for Selectman. Have you ever seen a politician not looking to take advantage of a situation? Mr. MacInnis had statistics and figures he had gathered, some in a 15-minute phone call to a state official, and yet Steve Kelleher, who has been involved with the bike path for five years, chose not to rebut them. Another meeting on the matter is set for



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Sincerely,

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For more information or to place an order, please call Kim Wheeler at 508-748-2630, Anne Gunderson at 508-758-4709, or contact a student in the music program. Orders should be placed no later than Wednesday, January 30.

Boating Basics Course

The Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board (MAB) in conjunction with the Massachusetts Environmental Police will be conducting a FREE "Boating Basics" Youth Safety Course in the First Floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall. The classes will run each Saturday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon during the month of February. The primary purpose of this course is to foster safe attitudes by developing an increased awareness of safe boating practices, legal responsibilities, and general marine knowledge.

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Sippican Choral Society

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Quilt in the Making

A group of local ladies have come up with the idea of making a quilt together. So far, the group is comprised of Emily McLaughlin, Susan Ehrhart, Charlotte Purrington, Joanna Hunt, and Margie Barrows. They hope that everyone has a unique view of "Signs of Hope" and Recovery in the wake of the events of September 11, 2001. Some of them see spring, rainbows, and eagles and doves, to name a few. The possibilities are endless. They do not want anything militant or violent, however.

The group is inviting anyone with an idea of their own to send or drop off a quilt block contribution. They could possibly end up with enough for two quilts, which would be fun. Upon completion of the quilt, they plan to raffle it off and donate the proceeds to the Salvation Army, who has done a wonderful job.

There are a couple of specifications for the quilt block: each block must be 12.5 inches (square) of off-white muslin. Any form or technique is good. Each person has their own style and method. Some examples are: appli-



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Fin, Fur and Feather Club

The Fin, Fur, and Feather Club will offer a Massachusetts-certified Basic Firearms Safety Course on Saturday, February 9 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Clubhouse, 35 Crystal Spring Road, Mattapoisett. Cost for non-members is \$40, for members is \$25, with a limit 15 students. Lunch will be available. To leave name and telephone number, please send an e-mail to: fffclub@neaccess.net or call 508-758-6790.

Speech Contest Winner

The Mattapoisett Lions speech contest winner, **Raquel Colon** of Tabor Academy, has advanced through two more levels of competition. Her zone level was won by default, while her delivery of the topic "Freedom, How Far Should It Go," was voted the best of three presenta-

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tions in region competition. Her competitors were representatives from Plymouth South and Nauset High Schools.

Ms. Colon will next represent the Mattapoisett Lions Club on Saturday, January 19 at the Mid-Winter Conference held at the Sheraton Hyannis, in Hyannis, MA. The winner of this competition, district level, advances to the Massachusetts State finals, which is the last and highest of all levels.

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- Wednesday, January 30 – Shopping at 8:30 am.

Marion Chowder Supper

A Chowder Supper with Chinese Auction will be held at the Marion Social Club, 44 Pumping Station Road, on Saturday, January 19 at 6:00 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm). Tickets are \$9 and can be purchased by calling 508-748-2933. Chase the chill of winter with steamy quahog chowder, tasty tuna rolls, salad and dessert, followed by the popular auction. The Marion Social Club is dedicated to helping youth and elderly in the tri-town area.

Marion Ice Show

The Marion Art Center will present a special event for the whole family this winter: "The Marion Ice Show," which will premiere on Saturday, January 26 at 12:30 pm at the Howard Johnson Arena of Tabor Academy. Professional skaters from the Boston Ice Theater will be featured along with the National Precision Ice Skating champions, "Esprit de Corps."

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Battleship Centennial Celebration

To commemorate the destroyer's 100-year anniversary, Newport's Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOS), in cooperation with the Newport Chapter of the Surface Navy Association (SNA), has scheduled a memorial wreath-laying ceremony at 11:00 am on Sunday, January 20 at Battleship Cove, the world's largest collection of historic naval ships in Fall River. Hosted on the flight deck of the Destroyer *Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.* by SWOS Commanding Officer Captain Ronald W. Brinkley, USN, the ceremony's 200 guests will reflect upon a century of sacrifice by American destroyer veterans.

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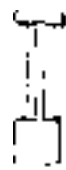
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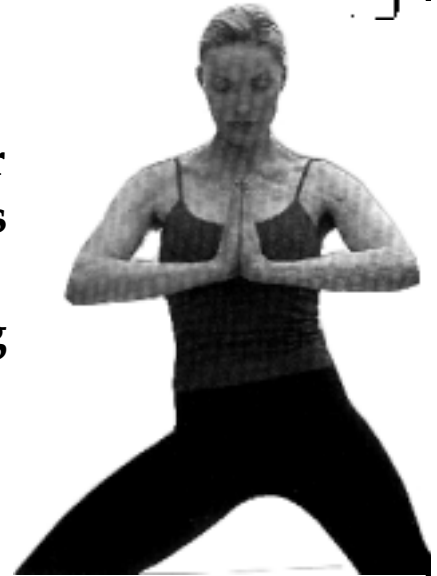
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We lost one of our more promising movie directors over the weekend. **Ted Demme**, nephew of a more famous director but steadily working to make his own name over the past decade, died on January 13 at only 38. He leaves behind not only a grieving uncle (Jonathan Demme, director of *The Silence of the Lambs*), wife

(Amanda Scheer-Demme, a music producer on most of her husband's films as well as for Steven Soderbergh), and friends and close collaborators (Denis Leary, with whom he worked numerous times; Richard LaGravenese, with whom Demme was planning a documentary); he also leaves behind a pretty solid — if cruelly abbreviated — body of work.

Demme got his start at MTV, producing *Yo! MTV Raps*, working on videos, and pulling together various rap stars for his feature debut, 1993's *Who's the Man?* That film also featured a comedian who'd appeared in a series of MTV commercials Demme had directed: Denis Leary, whose concert films *No Cure for Cancer* (1992) and *Lock 'n Load* (1997) Demme also directed. Leary appeared in two of Demme's best films — 1994's *The Ref*, in which Leary played a criminal comically bedevilled by his captives Kevin Spacey and Judy Davis, and 1998's *Monument Ave*, in which he played a criminal tragically bedevilled by his suicidally stupid cronies.

Compare the above two Leary movies and you see that Demme had range — he was interested in more than one story. Even though *Monument Ave* could be read as a *Mean Streets* knock-off, and his final film, last year's *Blow*, could be seen as *GoodFellas Lite*, Demme tried his hand at other character studies. 1996's *Beautiful Girls* might be many people's favorite Demme film. Without a hint of guns or violence, Demme and screenwriter Scott Rosenberg painted a grim but hopeful portrait of a bunch of clueless guys and the women who have to deal with their commitment phobia and obsession with supermodels. Demme also managed to get what may still be the definitive Natalie Portman performance, and a rare funny movie appearance by Rosie O'Donnell.



Even *Beautiful Girls* had a morose cloud hanging over it, though. Demme had a consistent melancholy style, from the bickering dysfunction of *The Ref* to the rise-and-fall spiral of *Blow* (which Leary executive-produced). His movies had weight; he made you feel that the characters and their struggles meant something. The one aberration in the Ted Demme portfolio is 1999's *Life*, which tried to have serious passages but was too locked into being a vanity project for Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence. If it had been filmed with lesser stars, it might've amounted to something more; then again, it might not have been made, either. *Life* was probably just Demme proving he could make a big Hollywood star vehicle; it probably also greased the wheels for his making the imperfect but compelling *Blow*, which has turned out to be his swan song.

It wasn't supposed to be that way, of course. Demme was a busy guy; in addition to his TV work (directing episodes for *Homicide: Life on the Street* and the short-lived *Action*), Demme was also a producer (*Rounders*, *A Lesson Before Dying*, *Tumbleweeds*) and, in recent months, an aspiring film historian. He and writer-director Richard LaGravenese (*Living Out Loud*) had announced plans to make a documentary on the great filmmakers of the '70s — the ones, like Scorsese and Coppola, who made the masterpieces that inspired Demme and so many others to enter the field. "Our goal," Demme said last year, "is to write a love letter to the artists that made the '70s the greatest decade in American filmmaking ... The thing that motivated us was to keep alive the stories of these great artists." If **Ted Demme** had lived longer, maybe he himself would've gotten to make equally great films to inspire a future generation.

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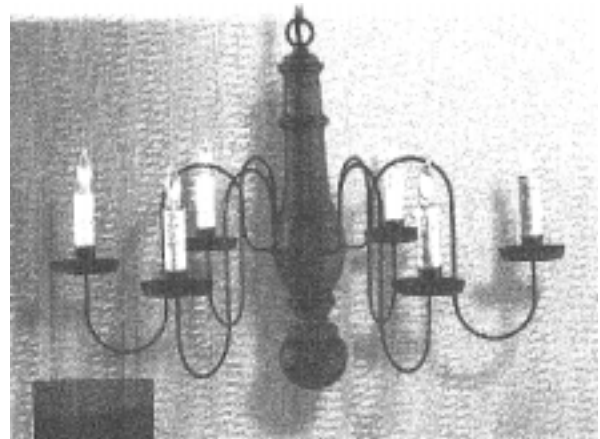
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Thursday, January 24 – Hot dog on a roll, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, January 25 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, salad dressing, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, January 21 – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY (no meals served).

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Thursday, January 24 – Beef sausage cacciatore noodles, broccoli, scali bread, tapioca pudding, fresh fruit.

Friday, January 25 – Macaroni and cheese, escalloped tomato, dark rye bread, fruit in light syrup.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, January 21 – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (no school).

Tuesday, January 22 – Meatball sub or toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, January 23 – Stuffed shells, garlic bread, chicken patty, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, January 24 – Roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potato, peas, Italian sub, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, January 25 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, January 21 – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (no school).

Tuesday, January 22 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, rice pilaf, green beans, chilled pineapple, berry blue jello with topping.

Wednesday, January 23 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, chicken patty club, scrambled eggs with Canadian bacon, Ore Ida smiles potatoes, chilled peaches, mini Rice Krispie treats.

Thursday, January 24 – Taco boat with all the fixings, hot pastrami sub, shaved turkey sub, Spanish rice, corn niblets, chilled pears, strawberry jello with topping.

Friday, January 25 – Roast turkey with gravy, "hero" sub, hamburger/cheeseburger, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

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Friday, January 25 – Roast turkey with gravy, "hero" sub, hamburger/cheeseburger, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

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• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, January 21 – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (no school).

Tuesday, January 22 – Rib-b-que, ham and cheese sandwich, hash brown patty, peas, frosted cake.

Wednesday, January 23 – Soft taco, tortilla chips, corn, salsa, assorted pudding.

Thursday, January 24 – Turkey

or ham salad roll, spicy fries, carrots, applesauce, chocolate cake.

Friday, January 25 – Juice, pizza, potato chips, green beans, assorted dessert.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

Monday, January 21 – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (no school).

Tuesday, January 22 – Meatball sub or toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, January 23 – Stuffed shells, garlic bread, chicken patty, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, January 24 – Roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potato, peas, Italian sub, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, January 25 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, January 21 – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (no school).

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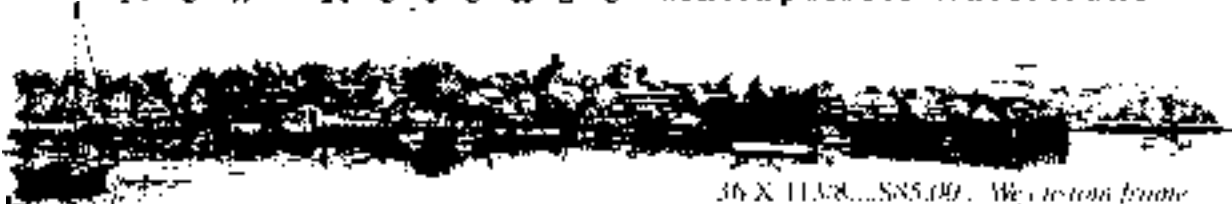
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The Plumb Memorial Library hosts a Toddler Playtime on Friday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Playtime is open to babies and children through age 2. It is an unstructured program where children are invited to play with toys, do puzzles, color, or do a simple craft, and moms and dads have the opportunity to join together with other area parents. The program is FREE, and no registration is required.

Genealogy Club

The Plumb Library hosts a Genealogy Club for adults on Thursday from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Join together with others who are researching their family tree and local history. Researchers can use the library's historical resources, find material on the online catalog, and use the Internet free-of-charge to do online research. Best of all, researchers have the opportunity to share their genealogical roadblocks with others, and solve family mysteries together! This program is offered free-of-charge.

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- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Converse Road – youths in street
- Mill Street – power line down
- Washburn Park Road – found property
- Washburn Park Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Converse Road – medical emergency
- Beach Street – animal complaint
- Delano Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Converse Road – parking violation
- Quelle Lane – parking violation
- Route 195 West – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – breaking and entering/past
- Route 195 West – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – follow-up investigation
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spring Street – annoying phone calls
- Converse Road – animal complaint
- Spring Street – follow-up investigation
- Spring Street – general offense
- Delano Road – runaway
- Delano Road – animal complaint
- Delano Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street – found property
- Pumping Station Road – animal complaint

- Point Road – vandalism/past
- Point Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, operating with revoked registration, operating uninsured motor vehicle, no inspection sticker)
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Indian Cove Road – officer wanted
- Bullivant Farm Road – vandalism/past
- Spring Street – by-laws violation
- Point Road – gunshots reported
- Green Street – larceny/past
- County Road – youths in street.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 6 through January 12, 2002:

- Driscoll Lane – violation of protective order
- Main Street – mutual aid
- Mechanic Street – report of gas odor
- West Hill Road – noise/disturbance
- North Street – request for animal control officer
- County Road – motor vehicle accident/car hit deer
- Pearl Street – parking complaint
- County Road – minor motor vehicle accident in parking lot
- Huttleston Avenue/Fairhaven – mutual aid
- Chapel Road – suspicious activity
- Driscoll Lane – violation of protective order
- Driscoll Lane – adult arrest
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
- Acushnet Road – drunk party in house
- Acushnet Road – protective custody/adult
- Timberledge Lane – mutual aid/ambulance request
- County Road – general disturbance
- Water Street – suspicious activity
- Hawthorne Street – burglary/

breaking and entering into motor vehicle

- Main Street – safe keeping property
- Waterview Lane – suspicious persons
- River Road – larceny/all others
- Marion Road – past assault and battery
- County Road – recovered property
- County Road – vandalism/destruction of property
- Acushnet Road – motor vehicle struck wall
- County Road – returned property
- Homestead Court – erratic operation of motor vehicle complaint
- Angelica Avenue – no power.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 8 through January 14, 2002:

- North Avenue – highway matter
- Walnut Plain Road – animal control matter
- Rounseville Road – vandalism
- Negus Way – motor vehicle accident
- Dexters Lane – suspicious activity
- Mendall Road – animal complaint
- Bassett Road – disorderly conduct
- Clapp Road – motor vehicle accident
- Marys Pond Road – motor vehicle accident
- High Street – arcing wires
- Route 28 – motor vehicle accident
- Marys Pond Road – vandalism
- Lady Slipper Trail – domestic disturbance
- Snipatuit Road – officer wanted
- Dexters Lane – domestic disturbance/adult arrest
- Rounseville Road – hit and run
- Snipatuit Road – officer wanted
- Hartley Road – car hit dog
- Snipatuit Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
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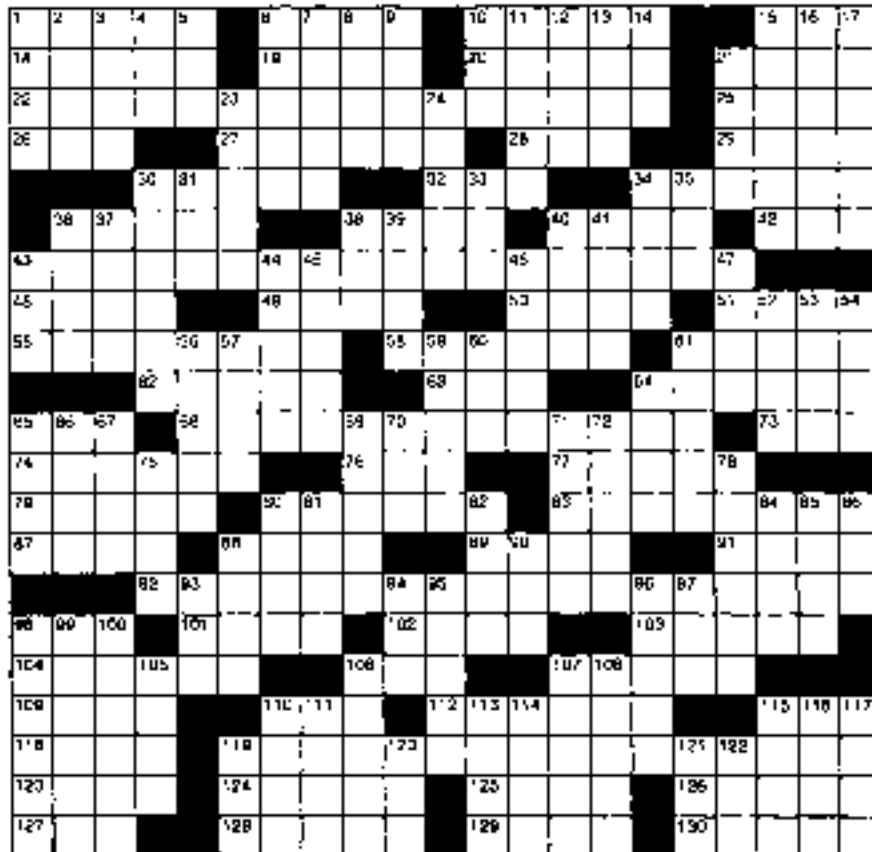
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante that you appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments and then move on.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you're not ready to make.

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Ms. Fallon and Mr. Frost combine their scientific and artistic talents to reveal the unique patterns, colors and textures of natural forms that might otherwise go unnoticed. The seaweeds that they have carefully arranged and preserved were collected among the muck often hauled from beaches. When looked upon in passing, they do not have much to offer — but with an investment of time and detailed study, their individuality and beauty are revealed. Each piece is presented in its natural form,

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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS #790 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Timothy and Linda Hathaway, 558 Snipatuit Road, for a variance from side lot setback requirements under section VIII.B. to allow construction of a 22' x 28' garage in the agricultural/residential district. Property is identified on Assessors maps as plan 41 lot 1B. The public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at 7:45pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 1/17</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 28, 2002 at 7:45pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Arnold, P.O. Box 1559, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The applicants propose to remove an existing dwelling and construct a new dwelling, associated driveways, grading and landscaping. The project is located at 26 Ned's Point Road, Lot 118, Map 8, Mattapoisett. 1/17</p>	
<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS #789 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Tremont Enterprise Corp., for a special permit for use within the Industrial District under section IV.D.1. of the protective by-laws to allow the construction and operation of a retail sales center and office buildings as well as the construction and operation of a diesel fuel/propane gas service station on property located on Cranberry Highway. Property is identified on Assessors maps as plan 17 lots 29, 29A, 30, 31A, 55 and 56. The public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 1/17</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 28, 2002 at 7:45pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Donald S. Rice, P.O. Box 1559, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The applicants propose to remove an existing dwelling and construct a new dwelling, associated driveways, grading and landscaping. The project is located at 26 Ned's Point Road, Lot 118, Map 8, Mattapoisett. 1/17</p>	
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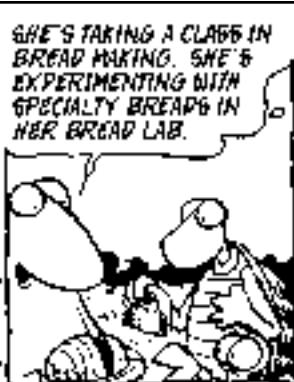
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Jan. 18:	Fri.	11:04	11:25	4:03	4:31
Jan. 19:	Sat.	11:44	...	4:47	5:10
Jan. 20:	Sun.	12:05	12:25	5:36	4:54
Jan. 21:	Mon.	12:47	1:10	6:35	6:45
Jan. 22:	Tues.	1:34	2:02	7:51	7:44
Jan. 23:	Wed.	2:27	3:00	9:06	8:43
Jan. 24:	Thurs.	3:27	4:03	10:06	9:38
Jan. 25:	Fri.	4:29	5:02	10:59	10:30
Jan. 26:	Sat.	5:27	5:57	11:49	11:21
Jan. 27:	Sun.	6:20	6:47	...	12:38
Jan. 28:	Mon.	7:10	7:37	12:13	1:26
Jan. 29:	Tues.	8:00	8:26	1:06	2:11
Jan. 30:	Wed.	8:50	9:17	1:59	2:54
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Feb. 1:	Fri.	10:33	11:03	3:43	4:17
Feb. 2:	Sat.	11:28	11:59	4:37	5:01
Feb. 3:	Sun.	...	12:21	5:36	5:50

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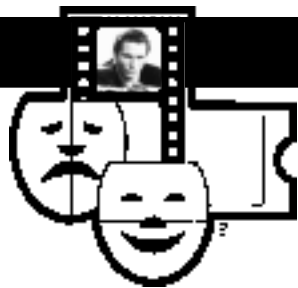
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MOVIE REVIEW

Domestic Disturbance

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The Magnificent Ambersons. Starring Madeleine Stowe, Bruce Greenwood and Jonathan Rhys-Meyers. Directed by Alfonso Arau. Running time: 3 hours. Rated TV-PG. An A&E Network Original Movie.

One of the greatest travesties in America cinema would have to be the fact that film-maker Orson Welles' follow-up to his audacious *Citizen Kane* debut, *The Magnificent Ambersons*, was for all intents and purposes sabotaged by RKO Pictures and whittled down to a mere 90 minutes from the director's intended two-and-a-half hour epic. That the truncated film still remains an impressive work — despite key scenes having been omitted and, in some cases, reshot by a director-for-hire — is both a testament to the wunderkind's talent and a bittersweet reminder that Welles' intended vision is now forever lost (the unused footage Welles shot was foolishly destroyed by the studio).

For years thereafter, Welles lamented the fact that it was the studio's tampering with *The Magnificent Ambersons* — not his notorious battle with William Randolph Hearst over *Citizen Kane* — which ruined his promising career.

Now, 60 years later, the A&E Network has produced a television movie version based upon Welles' complete screenplay adaptation of Booth Tarkington's novel about the rise and fall of two Midwestern families in the early 1900s. What could have been a noble attempt to bring a great American director's vision to full realization has resulted in a colossal waste of time and talent which easily ranks as one of the worst remakes ever. Yes, even worse than the likes of Gus Van Sant's *Psycho* rehash and the sickly-sweet *You've Got Mail*. I even think the colorized versions of *Night of the Living Dead* and *The Maltese Falcon* fare better ... at least the smeared color didn't mar those films' performances or direction.

On the surface, this project seemed like an intriguing idea, especially given the impressive cast and crew credentials. But the captain who deserves to go down with this sinking ship is director Alfonso Arau, whose previous *Like Water for Chocolate* was both stylish and well-crafted. I expected his European eye to fit the opulence of this period piece well, but he seems ill-suited for this odd bit of Americana. The usually-solid Madeleine Stowe (who, to her credit, publicly criticized the film) poses for the camera and does little more during this excruciating three-hour battle to stay awake. Actor Bruce Greenwood, who has done fine

work with director Atom Egoyan (*The Sweet Hereafter*) and last year turned in a great performance as John F. Kennedy in *Thirteen Days*, seems like he's doing line readings from a cold script and looks noticeably uncomfortable in both the period costumes and stiff surroundings. He kept me longing for the subtlety of Joseph Cotten's understated performance in the 1942 original.

In Welles' sprawling riches-to-rags film, much of the drama also hinges upon two pivotal roles played with great skill by Tim Holt (as spoiled brat George Minafer) and the superb Agnes Moorehead (as the lonely, lovesick Aunt Fanny). Here those roles are filled respectively by the pouting, scowling, and wholly annoying Jonathan Rhys-Meyers and the flippant — okay, *ditz* — Jennifer Tilly. Meyers resembles a less refined and far less compelling Joaquin Phoenix (*Gladiator*) and Tilly does her usual shrill schtick which is better-suited to a contemporary barroom brawl than a poignant period drama.

The only two who escape this mess with some semblance of dignity are Gretchen Mol and James Cromwell, whose supporting roles keep them offscreen just long enough to forget they're in this silly soap opera played out against ambiguous locations and bad sets. At least what I saw of them looked bad ... director Arau is too preoccupied with big, looming close-ups of his clueless performers (a sure sign of insecure direction) to show us the lavish — or maybe lacking — production design.

The Magnificent Ambersons is a black eye for the A&E Network, which has previously produced some impressive work, and an insult to the legacy of both Orson Welles and Booth Tarkington. The money spent on this travesty would have been better used to either restore or reconstruct Welles' original film as intended — even if it meant using some of the rare existing stills from those now-lost sequences. Surely those mute, motionless photographs would be more compelling to watch than any scene in this magnificent mutilation.

The Magnificent Ambersons next airs on the A&E Network on Thursday, January 17, 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm; Friday, January 18, 12:00 am - 3:00 am; Saturday, January 19, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm; and Sunday, January 20, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. VHS and DVD copies can also be purchased online at www.aande.com.



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